



MARYLAND Department of Health

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

Office of Systems Operations and Pharmacy
Medical Care Programs

Craig Smalls
Assistant Chief Information Officer

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RE: Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Provider Stakeholder Meeting

Dear Pharmacy Owner/Manager:

As part of a process to refine pharmacy reimbursement, the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) has contracted with Myers and Stauffer LC, a national Certified Public Accounting firm with extensive experience in developing survey instruments, conducting desk and field reviews of information submitted by pharmacies, performing cost allocations and statistical analyses, and developing reimbursement options and recommendations, to conduct a Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Cost of Dispensing survey. The survey is mandatory (COMAR 10.09.03.03(R)). All active MMPP providers will be required to participate. The survey is expected to be mailed in June 2018. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of plans for the survey and to invite you to participate in an upcoming stakeholder meeting.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published regulation, Federal Covered Outpatient Drugs Final Rule (CMS-2345-FC), requires State Medicaid agencies to adopt pharmacy reimbursement methodologies to pay pharmacies for the actual acquisition cost of drugs plus a professional dispensing fee. The forthcoming pharmacy cost of dispensing survey will provide MMPP with information to evaluate the professional dispensing fee component of the Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service pharmacy reimbursement.

A stakeholder meeting for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. MMPP and Myers and Stauffer LC representatives will discuss the overall goals of the survey, its scope, the timeline for completion, the role of the vendor in the survey process, solicit your feedback and address any questions you may have on the overall process.

Meeting date: June 13, 2018
Meeting time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST
Meeting Location: 300 W Preston St., Auditorium
Baltimore, MD 21201

Please contact Matt Hill with Myers and Stauffer LC at (800) 374-6858 or mhill@mslc.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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